

**Gallatin County Planning Board
Infrastructure Committee
Water and Wastewater Subcommittee
Record of Meeting: December 8, 2008**

Members present: C.B. Dormire (Subcommittee Chair), Don Seifert, Gail Richardson, Kerry White; Sean O'Callaghan, County Planning Department.

1. **Call to Order:** 4:00 P.M.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2008 & November 24, 2008**
Minutes were approved as modified.
3. **Discussion of Draft Request for Proposals:**

Sean handed out two maps. The first map showed the different planning-related boundaries (municipal limits, zoning, planning, facility planning) for the City of Bozeman. Kerry noted that the facilities planning boundary extends beyond the zoning and the planning boundary north of the City of Bozeman due to development trends. Kerry verified that the City Commission approved the facility plan and that it is an official document. Kerry confirmed that the City's facility plan boundary includes areas that the City will likely not provide sewer service to because of challenges with discharging treated wastewater. Kerry stated that the City was not opposed to the subcommittee including land within the City's facility planning boundary within this proposed study. The group discussed whether or not something more formal was needed from the City of Bozeman, and decided nothing additional was necessary, especially since Kerry was going to write a memo summarizing his discussion with Debbie Arkell, City of Bozeman Public Service Director. The group discussed whether there were some rational criteria (topography, etc.) that could be used to decide whether or not to include land within Bozeman's facility planning boundary in the study, or whether or not to include the whole area.

The second map handed out was a revised version of a map discussed at the November 24, 2008 meeting, showing planning and zoning boundaries within the proposed study. The revised version included also showed public land. The group decided to amend the study area boundary to exclude all of the land within Manhattan's Planning Jurisdiction and include all of the land within the Belgrade Planning Jurisdiction. CB asked if the group should ignore any areas zoned for a density of less than one unit per five acres because at densities lower than that, the provision of wastewater treatment is unlikely to be economical by means other than individual septic systems. The group discussed the outer study boundary and decided to pick up on that discussion next time.

4. **Member Reports:**
Kerry will prepare a memo summarizing his conversation with Debbie Arkell, Public Service Director for the City of Bozeman. Kerry will also visit with the Gateway group.

Sean gave a brief summary of his conversation with Susan Swimley regarding Four Corner's Water and Sewer District and their option to purchase the water and sewer infrastructure (and water rights) from Utility Solutions. Susan was not opposed to the study including land within the Utility Solution's service area, but did not suggest including land that had already been annexed into the Water and Sewer District.

CB gave a brief summary of his discussion with Utility Solutions. Essentially the Four Corners Water and Sewer District and Utility Solutions are having amicable discussions about the District purchasing the assets of Utility Solutions.

Don will visit with the City of Belgrade for next time.

- 5. Next meeting Date and Agenda:** Monday December 15th, 3:00 – 5:00
- 6. Other Business:** None Discussed
- 7. Adjourn:** 6:15 P.M.